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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 47, Chapter 50, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section to be appropriately designated:

Section 47-50-1____. (a) It is the intent of the general assembly to assure to Tennessee citizens the highest level of consumer protection and violation enforcement and to make these services available in each of the grand divisions of the state.

(b)(1) The commissioner of commerce and insurance is authorized to create two (2) new consumer affairs offices to protect the consuming public and legitimate business enterprises from those who engage in unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce in part or wholly within this state. Offices shall be located in Memphis and Knoxville.

(b)(2)(A) Each new office authorized by this act shall employ one (1) consumer protection division employee.

(B) The total amount of funds to be expended in creating both new consumer affairs offices authorized by this act shall not exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), unless such additional funding is included in the general appropriations act by specific amendment.

(c) The commissioner of commerce and insurance shall collect information and data relative to the consumer protection needs of each urban area with a

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population of greater than two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) persons. The commissioner shall report its findings and make recommendations relative to the need for additional offices as may be necessary to serve the consumers of the state of Tennessee, to the chairman of the consumer affairs committee of the house of representatives and the chairman of the commerce committee of the senate on or before January 15, 1999.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 1998, the public welfare requiring it.

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